GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WATER SHORTAGE IN VILLAGES
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that certain States have declared some of their villages as scarcity hit-areas due to acute scarcity of water;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Rajasthan has declared nearly four thousand villages affected by scarcity of water;

(c) if so, whether canals originating from Bhakhra Dam are not getting sufficient water for Rajasthan and the department has decided not to release water from Indira Gandhi Canal for irrigation; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Some of the State Governments have reported drought like situation in parts of the State due to deficient rainfall,during the period 2001-02.

(b) Government of Rajasthan, in February 2002, has declared 3940 villages in three districts as scarcity affected.

(c) According to Bhakra-Beas Management Board, Rajasthan has receivedless supplies out of Sutlej waters via Punjab and Haryana during the period 21.5.2001 to 30.4.2002 from the canal originating from Bhakra-Nangal dam.

Government of Rajasthan have reported that Indira Gandhi canal receivingRavi Beas Waters is supplying only drinking water since 9.4.2002 as Rajasthan as Rajasthan had already used its share of water for irrigation.

(d) According to Bhakra Beas ManagementBoard, whenever short supplies are delivered to Rajasthan, the Board had been requesting Punjab and Haryana Irrigation Departments for delivering correct supplies to Rajasthan. Government of Rajasthan have further informed that the Technical Committee of the Bhakra Beas Management Board in its Meeting held on 29.4.2002, had decided to restore water for irrigation in Indira Gandhi Canal from 21.5.2002.